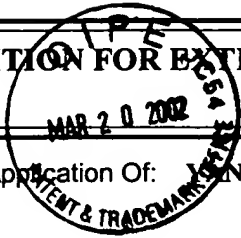


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
883933.0056



In Re Application Of: **NING et al.**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 30, 2002 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month
- Two months
- Three months
- Four months
- Five months

from: February 28, 2002 until: March 30, 2002
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- is enclosed.
- has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0231
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 11-0231 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Signature

Dated: March 12, 2002

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 03/12/02 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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